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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMOR ROUNDUP

REF: A. JAKARTA 3322 B. JAKARTA 2840

1. FOLLOWING NEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING PORTUGUESE
TIMOR HAVE BEEN REPORTEDLY RECENTLY IN JAKART PRESS:

2. FONMIN MALIK SAID ON HIS RETURN FROM EASTERN
EUROPEAN TOUR MARCH 19 THAT INDONESIA HAD NO PLANS TO
SEIZE PORTUGUESE TIMOR, BUT THAT PORTUGAL SHOULD GIVE
PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE. MALIK
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SOMETHING UNTOWARDS HAPPENED IN
THE TERRITORY THAT DISTURBED INDONESIA, GOP WOULD BE
HELD RESPONSIBLE AND INDONESIAN WOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO
RESOLVE SUCH DEVELOPMENTS.

3. PORTUGUESE TIMOR GOVERNOR COL LEMOS PIRES VISITED
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KUPANG, INDONESIAN TIMOR, ENROUTE HOME TO DILI AFTER

HIS VISIT TO JAKARTA MARCH 17-18(REPORTED REF A).
ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, PIRES MET WITH EAST NUSATENGARA
GOV EL TARI AND TOLD PRESS MARCH 19 HE GUARANTEED THERE
WOULD BE NO INTIMIDATION IN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS IN
PORTUGUESE TIMOR. HE SAID LISBON HAS DECIDED THAT
DECOLONIZATION WILLNOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR BUT THAT
DECISION MAY BE MADE NEXT YEAR, SAYING "WE ARE IN NO
HURRY." PIRES SAID THERE WOULD BE NO REFERENDUM ON
DECOLONIZATION, AND INSTEAD A REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH POPULAR ELECTION AND WOULD
DECIDE COLONY'S FUTURE.

4. MEANWHILE, PRO-INDONESIA APODETI PARTY HAS SENT
MESSAGE TO UN SECGEN WALDHEIM DRAWING UN'S ATTENTION TO
"INTIMIDATIONS" AGAINST PRO-INDONESIA APODETI MEMBERS,
INCLUDING ASSASSINATIONS, AND FAILURE OF PORTUGUESE
TIMOR ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE TRUE DECOLONIZATION.
MESSAGE DATED MARCH 10 WAS SIGNED BY APODETI SECGEN
JOSE FERNANDO OSORIO. IT ASKED UN TO PERSUADE
PORTUGAL TO HOLD ELECTIONS OR REFERENDUM NEXT OCTOBER
UNDER SUPERVISION OF COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF UN AND
ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES. NOTE: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER
THIS MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM IS SAME ONE REPORTED EARLIER
(REF B) OR A SECOND MESSAGE. ASSASSINATIONS CITED IN
APODETI MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM EVIDENTLY REFER TOALLEGED
TORTURE AND KILLING OF THREE APODETI SYMPATHIZERS BY
PRO-INDEPENDENCE PARTY ELEMENTS WHICH SOARES HAD EARLIER
REPORTED TO SYDNEY HERALD CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL
RISHARDSON.

5. JAKARTA PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED STATEMENT BY
INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR HER TASNING IN CANBERRA LAST
WEEK THAT PRO-INDEPENDANCE FRETILIN AND UDT FRONT HAVE
OPENED INFORMATION OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA, WHEREAS
APODETI HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN SEEKING SUPPORT IN
AUSTRALIA FOR ITS PRO-MERGER POSITION. HEDENIED THAT
LIBERAL OPPOSITION IN AUSTRALIA IS USING PORTUGUESE
TIMOR ISSUE POLITICALLY TO EMBARASS THITLAM GOVERNMENT.

6. OTHER PRESS REPORTS DURING PAST WEEK QUOTE DENIAL OF
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INDONESIAN OFFICIALS IN EAST NUSATENGARA THAT NEW \$10
MILLION ROAD PROJECT IN INDONESIAN TIMOR IS PART OF
A PLAN TO INVADE PORTUGUESE TIMOR.
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